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KEY EVENTS IN April

MONDAY 1st APRIL WOODCHURCH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY Speaker - Alex Ferris "The Slave Preacher of Kent" Memorial Hall 7.30pm.

FRIDAY 5th APRIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7PM The Memorial Hall.

SUNDAY 7th APRIL - BOOT FAIR, Pop-In Centre, Lower Rd 9am-noon.

MONDAY 8th APRIL - Memorial Hall AGM at 7.30 pm for events listing.

TUESDAY APRIL 9th WOODCHURCH WI MEETING PRESENTS QUILTING: KATHY'S PATCH. The Memorial Hall 7.15pm.

FRIDAY APRIL 12th WOODCHURCH FILM SOCIETY Peter Rabbit. With the voices of James Corden, Fayssal Bazzi, Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie, Daisy Ridley and many more The Memorial Hall 7 for 7.30pm

SATURDAY APRIL 13th :- MEMORIAL HALL FUNDRAISER Coffee Morning from 10am at The Memorial Hall.

MONDAY 15th April CARM Meeting Point at the Bonny Cravat.

SUNDAY APRIL 28th WOODCHURCH SCOUTS QUIZ 7.30pm at The Bonny Cravat.

Teams of 2-6 people, £2.50 per head. Monthly raffle.

TUESDAY APRIL 30th WOODCHURCH GARDENING SOCIETY "The Weird & Wonderful World of Pollinators" by Dr Clive Nutman. 7.30pm Memorial Hall.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Woodchurch Art Society Annual Exhibition

Friday 24th May 7-9pm,

Saturday 25th May and Sunday 26th May 10am - 4pm.

PLURENDEN FARM SHOP

Plurenden Farm Shop won a Kent Food Award in March for their butter. Congratulations to them.

They now offer a **door step milk delivery service**.

If you are interested in the service, please ring on 01233 822084/07788 590988.

NEXT CARM MEETING POINT

Woodchurch will meet on 15th April in The Bonny Cravat where they will have the usual raffle, chat, and refreshments. Come for the meeting and stay for lunch.

You'll be very welcome.

Holly Lewis, Meeting Points Co-ordinator

Any Items for the newsletter- please contact the Woodchurch Community Information Centre

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Parish Council - Community Transport Scheme Update

We had a very successful village meeting on 25th February with 54 present to find out more about what this scheme could bring to the village. We were pleased to welcome Brad Bradford (Borough Councillor) and Angela D'Urso (Community transport and well being manager at ABC) to the meeting and to help answer further questions. The outcome was a unanimous thumbs up in support of the scheme as a pilot for the village.

As a result of the positive response, I'm pleased to say that the Parish Council agreed the following Thursday to give this pilot the go ahead.

There will now be follow up meetings with ABC with the aim that the bus could be delivered to the village in May 2019.

We will, of course, keep everyone updated on progress.

Nick Jones. Parish Councillor



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WOODCHURCH DRIVING GROUP RDA

meets at Little Tiffenden, Redbrook Street, Woodchurch.

On a Monday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm.

Their volunteers help adults with physical and or learning difficulties to Carriage Drive for therapy, achievement and fun.

If you would like to know more you can call on 01233 860750.

WOODCHURCH WINDMILL UPDATE

The long awaited repairs and repaint to the mill are still planned to go ahead starting in April but will now have to include repairs to the damaged sail which was brought down in a severe gust of wind several weeks ago. The wind was only partly responsible for the damage - the main timber backbone of the sail had completely rotted. We are in discussions with Ashford Borough Council regarding a specific timber condition survey on the sails to see how widespread the deterioration may be and, subsequently, how much remedial work is required.

With all the above works we are currently unable to predict how long they will take and, therefore, cannot plan the opening days (and the schedule for our volunteers) until we have more information.



WoodchurchYard Together

We were delighted to have over 40 villagers and our local School support us over our first 'Woodchurch Yard Together' volunteers weekend, whether gardening, providing food, donating tools, donating funds or morale support!

On Friday afternoon, Woodchurch C of E Primary School 'Green Gang' tweeted 'Green Gang enjoyed being out in the fresh air today. We were contributing to WoodchurchYard Together's first volunteer weekend.

We've weeded and sown wild flower seeds on the grave of William Smeeth, headmaster of the Village School from 1818'.

Come rain, wind and sunshine, it has been so great to see how our community has come together to make a transformational change to our Churchyard already this weekend and making such a positive impact to so many.

Comments received over the weekend:

'Thank you so much, what a tremendous difference you have all made, Woodchurch community at its best'

'Brilliant day! I really enjoyed the work and the laughter thank you!' - Village volunteer

'Thank you for a really well organised event - great team work and we had a fun day' - Village volunteer

In amongst plenty of weeding, strimming, hedge cutting, compost building, edging and cleaning of headstones, we've made some wonderful discoveries of hidden graves which over time had become completely covered by grass.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported 'WoodchurchYard Together' in so many ways already including the Bonny Cravat Pub and the Six Bells Pub who kindly provided free sandwiches and hot drinks over the weekend.

We look forward to welcoming volunteers at our next volunteers weekend on 20th & 21st April (Easter weekend) - jobs for all ages or just come along to check in on progress!

Thanks very much. Philippa Jones - WYT coordinator

Easter Fun and Frolics at Rare Breeds

19th to 22nd April

Easter is just around the corner and at The Rare Breeds Centre they are preparing for our usual Easter fun and frolics.

During the Easter weekend the friendly, fluffy Easter Bunny will help you find the clues for the choccoy bunny hunt and when you have finished she will reward you with a special Easter chocolate. You can also join the Easter Bunny for some fun activities in the Main Arena at 11.30 am and 1.30 pm.

During the Easter weekend Wiley Wolf productions will be performing 'The Three Little Piggy's' the Easter panto'. Will the poor little pigs escape the big bad wolf? Come along and find out. Performances are at 12 noon and 2 pm.

Would you like to wash a pig? It's great fun and washing times are at 11 am and 1 pm. Bring suitable clothing. (Supervised by our staff but parents must be there too. Easter Weekend only).

There will also be a face painter here and for a small extra charge you too could be an Easter Bunny, beautiful butterfly or a little piggy! (Easter weekend only).

The lambing season starts at the beginning of April, before the Easter weekend, so pop along and see all our cute babies and their mums in The Lambing Tunnel. There will be more Spring babies to meet in our Meet the Animals sessions in The Children's Barn (10.30 am - 4 pm) and around the farm too.

Easter school holidays see the start of our famous Pig Racing which takes place every day at 3.15 pm on the main paddock..... it's hilarious and you may be picked to run with the cheeky piggies.

There's so much more to do, including the Creepy Crawly Room, walk through aviary, falconry displays at 2.30pm, trailer rides from 10.30 am - 4 pm and exciting outdoor and indoor play areas.

TO ALL WOODCHURCH CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

On Easter Monday (22nd April) All Saints Church will be holding a Spring Market in the churchyard from 1-4pm. If your society would like to have a stall at the market, please contact Ann Iplady (01233 861363, anntiplady@btinternet.com) to reserve your pitch.

This could be a good opportunity to either sell produce from your club or simply to promote your club/society to the village. The cost per stall will be £10 for the afternoon. We are hoping for fine weather and a fun packed afternoon.

WOODCHURCH VILLAGE LIFE MUSEUM

Susans Hill TN26 3RE

The museum re-opens on Good Friday for the 2019 season to a new exhibition **WOMEN AT WAR**

See how two world wars changed women's lives
See how four Woodchurch women did amazing things

Open 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from Good Friday 19th April to Sunday 29th September. **Entrance free** but donations invited.

Also for 4-12 year-olds: **WHEELS OF TIME** scheme.

Collect your badge!

Group visits welcome any time by appointment.

Ring 01233 860240.

Website: www.woodchurchmuseum.com

WOODCHURCH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Woodchurch Local History Society meets every first Monday of the month at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

It has a varied and interesting programme of talks which are generally related to local or Kentish history.

April 1st- Alex Ferris "The Slave Preacher of Kent"

May 6th – Geoff Turner "Razzle Dazzle on the Medway"

June 3rd Sylvia Golding & Joyce Saunder "Babies Castle of Hawkhurst"

September 2nd Robin & Carla Betts (Winterdale Cheeses) "A Family History of Cheese Making"

October 7th Daphne Charman & Chris Read "Deadman's Island & Dr Sid"

November 4th – Steve Hookins "Bits that Don't Fit"

December 2nd – Members' Evening

Woodchurch Local History Society would like as many as possible to come along and give it a try. Membership is only £10 a year and visitors are always welcome, paying £2 at the door
For information call Geoff Turner 01233 860393

JASMINE TRAVEL CLUB - Day Outings in 2019

Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens, Horsham. Sunday May 19th £34.30

Call The Midwife Tour & Lunch - Sunday June 16th £54.75

Norwich, followed by a Mississippi Paddle Boat ride on the

Norfolk Broads – Sunday September 22nd £48.00

Wakehurst Place, Sunday October 13th £32.50

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair

Saturday November 16th £35.00

Wisley Gardens – "See How the Gardens Glow"

Sunday December 15th £46.00

FOR BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES CALL 01233 624241.

WOODCHURCH ART SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION

Friday 24th May 7-9pm

Saturday 25th May & Sunday 26th May 10am -4pm

Entry is free on Friday evening and will include a glass of wine or tea/coffee. Everyone is welcome so please make a note in your diary to come and join us. We look forward to seeing you

Angela Moore - Chairman of Woodchurch Art Society

Karate Lessons

Starting soon in Woodchurch!

For all enquiries call 07733 065927.

Free for the first month - come and try.

Fitness, flexibility and confidence building.

For all ages. Learn to look after yourself.

Practical self defence taught.

Fully qualified national/international coach.

Woodchurch Memorial Hall – AGM

Monday 8th April 7:30 pm

Memorial Hall

The 2019 AGM for the Woodchurch Memorial Hall will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7:30 pm on the 8th April. This year we are hoping to appoint several new Trustee members to the committee and so if you have some time available to help us run the Hall complex for the Community then please come along.

The Hall Management Committee meets on the second Monday of each month. If you would like to know more about these vacancies, or can help in other ways, please contact the Chairman, Les Fenton on 07796 884439